Detention Watch Network (DWN), Freedom for Immigrants, Sikh Coalition, Sikh American Legal Defense & Education Fund (SALDEF), South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT), UndocuBlack Network, and United We Dream (UWD)
present

Congressional Briefing: "Detention, Hunger Strikes, Deported to Death"

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For years, SAALT has observed a rise in South Asian asylum seekers fleeing to the United States to escape violence, persecution, and repression alongside migrants from African, South East Asian, Latin and Central American nations. We have documented a series of abuses and civil rights violations against detained migrants in detention facilities across the United States, including medical neglect, inadequate or non-existent language access, and retaliation for hunger striking. Asylum seekers, undocumented immigrants, and refugees have been tortured and even murdered in detention.

The briefing will demonstrate the range of communities harmed by increased detention and underscore the urgency of detention oversight.

In Collaboration With:
Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC)
Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)
Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC)
Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus
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Honorary Co-Host:
Senator Ben Cardin (MD)
Senator Kamala Harris (CA)
Senator Jeff Merkley (OR)

Remarks Confirmed By:
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The briefing will feature an expert panel of community leaders:
Sanaa Abrar, Advocacy Director of United We Dream
Jennifer Apodaca, Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee
Carlos Alexander Hidalgo, Immigration activist
Ruby Kaur, Kaur Law PLLC
Patrice Lawrence, National Policy Director of UndocuBlack Network
Deep Singh, Executive Director of Jakara Movement